
THE NEWS OF BROOKLYN.

QUIET IN CAMP.

REPUBLICANS NOT DOING MUCH ANTE-CONVENTION TALKING.

COODRUFF GOES TO SARATOGA AND BUTTLING WAITS FOR WORTH-ALDRIDGE A

It was a quiet day yesterday in the Brooklyn can camp. Timothy L. Woodruff left the city, with his family, for Saratoga, thus giving the convention city the place of his home city as The ex-Senator did not come, however, and the Sheriff has therefore postponed his trip until to-

William Prendergast, of the Twenty-second Ward, has been selected to make the speech nomi

of advantage to Mr. Woodruff. This argument does not appeal to many of the Anti-Machine men, few of whom were able to see how any com-bination of Aldridge's name with that of Wood-ruff could be of any advantage to the latter. The Worth men do not intend to make their prefer Worth men do not intend to make their preference known until the last moment. They say nothing for or against any of the Platt delegates. The Willis men, while expressing a desire to work for Mr. Woodruff's best interests, do not hesitate to speak favorably of several of the candidates, first of whom is Saxton.

The report which reached Brooklyn yesterday to the effect that Senator Stranahan is slated to be temporary chairman of the convention led to the conclusion that Mr. Stranahan had withdrawn from the contest for the Lleutenant-Governorship, thereby increasing the chances of Mr.

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THE SILVER CAMPAIGN.

WHAT THE ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBERS ARE DOING TO BOOM THE CAUSE OF 16 TO 1.

Bryan yesterday at Red Hook. The object of ents, if possible, for a visit of the candidate to rooklyn before his departure for the West. The visit from the silver idol, while smaller cities in he State are to be favored by his presence. They aign in his interests, and are deserving of a little tention from him. The result of Mr. Towns's will be made known to-day.

Dr. De Kremen, who is in charge of the Bryan dquarters in the Arlington Hotel for a large rt of the day, gave out the information yesterthat the membership of Bryan and Sewall No. 1, of Kings County, has now reached 2,400, early 100 applications having been received yesthe Sixth, Tenth, Thirteenth, Seventeenth, Iwenty-third and Thirtleth wards have been re liverites, and they claim that the Thirteentl lead all others in the silver movement. slub will hold weekly meetings throughout th iled a catechism of one question upon which al

Senaior P. H. MacNulty, the presiding gentus of the headquarters, received a visit vesterday from J. Lindsey Johnson, a silver Democrat, of Rome, Ga. Mr. Johnson brought news that he found more silverites in Brooklyn than there were in Georgia. Sound-money men who heard this statement immediately placed Georgia in the Republican column in their notebooks, and raised their odds on the result of the election from 5 to 1 up to 6 to 1.

The managers of the headquarters say that they have received word from Washington that 15,000 copies of all pamphicts and other pieces of campaign literature will be sent to the Brooklyn headquarters for distribution. The suite of rooms in use by the Popocrats will be elaborately fitted up in a few days. One of them will be given over to the use of the reporters, and a press bureau will be

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RATHER GO TO JAIL THAN TALK.

A WOMAN CHARGED WITH SHOPLIFTING CON-CEALS HER IDENTITY.

A middle-aged woman was arrested in Loeser's drygoods store, in Fulton-st., charged with shop-According to the statement of Miss Susie Reardon, a saleswoman in the store, the prisoner did her work with the air and manner of an expert. When the officer arrived at the Adams-st, station with his prisoner, she described herself as Annie Murray, married, thirty-eight years old, and gave her home as Nevins-st. She would not give the rumber, and said she could not remember it. When arraigned in court yesterday morning she declared she would never give any information either as to her antecedents or her family. "I will stay seven years in jail for it rather than tell who I am," she said to Justice Tighe.

The arrest was made by Policeman Du Bois of the Twenty-third Precinct, who has been detailed the Twenty-third Precinct, who has been detailed to special duty in the headquarters office, and of late has been assigned to watch the drygooes stores. When Mrs. Murray was searched at the police station she was found to be attired in a manner peculiar to shoplifters. She wore a modest robe of black, covered by a long cape, and had what is known in police parlance as a shoplifting kit a long black slik bag, tied around her waist under her outer skirt. The bag was fitted with a convenient slit, large enough to receive articles as bulky as a roll of slik. Apparently, however, she had been unsuccessful in her foraging expedition, for the only contents of the hage pocket were a beit, some black stockings and two fine gauge undervests, which bore the tag of J. N. Collins & Co., East Fourteenth-st, New-York. The police believe the woman had been working the New-York stores unsuccessfully before returning to Brooklyn. They have confidence that they will be able to learn something about her record before she is arraigned for sentence next Monday.

DEATH OF MRS. CAROLINE B. PRENTICE. lieights, the widow of John Prentice and daughter of Charles E. Bill, died from heart fallure yesterbeen occupying since July 18. She was forty-seven years old. Mrs. Prentice had been ill ever since

SEIDL CONCERT PROGRAMMES.

The Seidl Society will present the following pro-
tramme at Brighton Beach this afternoon, starting
At 3:19 o'clock:
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HE WAS NOT READY FOR BURIAL.

TAKER'S WAGON TO FATHER HILL'S HOUSE.

William H. Daly, an undertaker at No. 152 Smith et., is anxious to discover the identity of the fa to his establishment yesterday afternoon. The message, which reached his place about 5 o'clock was to the effect that the Rev. William J. Hill, rector of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, at Court and Congress sts., was dead, and requested that the wagon be sent to the priest's home, in Congress-st., near Court-st. The message was received by Lawrence Doran, a clerk, who immedi

Father Hill is one of the most popular priests in the city, and the news of his death spread rapidly. Many of his parishioners started immediately for were greeted by Father Hill himself, who was as much puzzled as any one else to account for the

him alive that they shed tears of joy. The rumor of the priest's death reached the Sisters of Charity in the Orphan Asylum, which is next to the church in Congress-st., and several of their number were among those who visited the priest's house.

Shortly before 6 o'clock, the undertaker's assist-

priest's house to start the work of preparing the oody, pending the arrival of the wagon. He was alive and was even then cating supper. He said mand the order for the wagon. An effort was made to ascertain through the central office from what

swered the call had left for the day. Father Hill is perplexed over the analt, and declares that he has not the slightest idea who was responsible for the grewsome joke. He is the priest who was assaulted at the altar of St. Paul's Church about three years ago by his assistant. Father McDonald. The latter was silenced by Bishop McDonnell, and there are several of Father Hill's parishloners who are under the impression that one of the silenced priest's friends was responsible for the message.

AN INSURANCE COMPANY'S TROUBLES.

RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR THE UNITED LIFE

Bernard McKean, a lawyer, has been appointed Court Justice Barnard receiver of the United Life Insurance Association of New-York, is an action begun by the Attorney-General to dissolve the corporation. The creditors are enjoined from bringing action against the association, and

weeks ago by an examiner from the insurance De partment. According to the report of the examiner, which was submitted to Justice Barnard, the as sets are \$2,552 49, and the actual liabilities, \$61,585 32. The contingent liabilities are unpaid mortuary mortuary claims, unadjusted and not yet due paid mortuary claims, \$30,233; mortuary claims in suit \$8,600; borrowed money, \$21,300, and premiums paid in advance \$2,602. Since January 1, 1896, mortuary claims amounting to \$35,500 have been filed against the association, of which \$2,750 has been paid. The last receipts from members applicable to the payment of mortuary claims during the same period amounted to \$49,606.17. The insurance examiner reported that the cash income from the members was not sufficient to cover the mortuary claims and maintain a reserve fund in excess of all liabilities.

MRS. MIDFORD AGAIN ARRESTED.

CAPTAIN MIDFORD'S TYPEWRITER.

Rhodes in the Fort Hamilton Police Court yesterday morning and secured a warrant for the arrest must pass an examination. The one is, "Why do you favor free silver?" The ford, of the Pneumatic Salvage and Wrecking What does is to 1 mean?" is barred out it is too hard. A imission to the club will fused to any person, regardless of his abilises the entrance examination.

P. H. MacNulty, the presiding genius of might a feel on Monday. The many and the pier at Ulmer Park, where he part of the pier at Ulmer Park, where he park of the pier at Ulmer Park, where he park of the pier at Ulmer Park, where he park of the pier at Ulmer Park, where he park of the pier at Ulmer Park, where he park of the pier at Ulmer Park, where he park of the pier at Ulmer Park, where he park of the pier at Ulmer Pa

> before Justice Rhodes on a charge of abandonment, and she is now sutng him for separation, and who the case comes up it promises to be an interesting one. Mrs. Midford, in her suit, alleges that Miss Du Puy is the cause of all her troubles, and that she is boarding at the same house with the captain in Fort Hamilton. Mrs. Midford first learned of Miss Du Puy through a couple of letters that the captain accidentally dropped out of his pocket one morning on his way to business in May last. She found that the young woman in question was em-ployed as a typewriter in the office of the Bidwell Cycling Company, in West Forty-second-st., New

Cycling Company, in West Forty-second-st., New-york, and, after an interview with Mr. Bidwell, Miss Du Puy was discharged.

The captain, upon hearing this, upbraided his wife for her action, and hired Miss Du Puy as his typewriter. He afterward abandoned his wife, but he was compelled by Justice Rhodes to pay her is a week for the support of their two-year-old child. When Mrs. Midford went to the captain's hoarding-house on Sunday morning last for the is due, she found Miss Du Puy quietly sitting upon the veranda. Hot words passed between them, and at last Mrs. Midford drew a whip from the folds of her dress and made a slash at Miss Du Puy, who avoided the blow and hastily sought shelter behind closed doors. The next morning Miss Du Puy sesured her first warrant for Mrs. Midford's arrest.

arrest.

The Midfords were married in July, 1896, at Tacoma, Wash, and since the appearance of Miss Du Puy on the scene they have not lived happily together. Justice Rhodes yesterday directed (aptain Midford's counsel to inform him that he was now held under bail to pay his wife \$16 a week.

SEA ANEMONES IN THE SOUND.

SOME BEAUTIFUL SPECIMENS SECURED BY PRO-FESSOR L. M. M'CORMICK BEING EX-HIBITED AT GLEN ISLAND.

It may not be generally known that sea anemones are to be found in considerable quantities in Long Island Sound. Usually they have been supposed to inhabit Southern waters, although it is a ques-tion if "inhabit" is the right word to use, as the sea anemone is so low a form of animal life that it appears to be a crees between a plant and a polyp. Sea anemones rejoice in almost countless varia tions. They range from the soberest grays and browns to the most gorgeous thats known to nat-ure. They are the chrysanthemums of the ocean flower garden, and the variety of colors, sizes and forms rival the crysanthemums of our fiorists. By Mrs. Caroline Bill Prentice, of No. 17e Columbia | far the most beautiful of these strange creatures are discovered in tropical seas, but Professor L. M. McCormick, curator of the Glen Island Museum day morning at her cottage, on the grounds of the Hotel Childwold, Childwold Park, which she had bottom of the Sound in the vicinity of Glen Island some remarkably beautiful specimens, which have been placed in the aquarium.

The comparison to a chrysanthemum at once oc-curs to the observer, as the anemone possesses a thick, fieshy stem and head composed of long fila-ments, which wave in the water with a gentle mobears old. Mrs. Prentice had been ill ever since her arrival at the Park and for some time before taying Brocklyn. A week ago her physician. Dr. John F. Talmage, of Brooklyn, went to the hotel, and since then has been in constant attendance appon her. Mrs. Frentice's daughter, Mrs. E. T. H. Talmage, of Bernardsville, N. J., who is the wife of hr. Talmage's son, was at the bedside with her lustand when Mrs. Prentice died. John H. Prentice, the only son of Mrs. Prentice active sems at the son of Mrs. Prentice which remains clinging to the rock. The anemones mow at Glen Island are on a diet of beefsteak and clams, and refuse to blossom unless they receive their meals with regularity. The meat or clams clams, and refuse to blossom unless they receive their meals with regularity. The meat or clams are chopped into minute pieces. When a morsel of food touches the delicately waving tentacles the attle arm—as it ready is—instantly doubles up and attle arm—as it ready is—instantly doubles up and conveys the food to the mouth of the polyp, which is situated in the centre of the fringe.

Some of the larger anemones are expert fishermen, and capture fish of considerable size. It is supposed that the fish are attracted by the waving tentacles and are punished for their curiosity. Certain species are also afted with powers similar to those of the electric eef. On seizing their victim the tentacles convey a shock to the fish or erab of sufficient power to paralyze it, while the anemone sive in retired nooks. They attach themselves securely to the native rocks and wait the coming of their prey, having no power of pursuit. They are most attractive additions to aquariums, and it will be found so near home.

The son anemones belong to the large family of the zoophytes, and are therefore first cousins to the coral polyps. The specimens found by Professor McCormick in the Sound were placed on exhibition at Glen Island two days ago, and are attracting great attention by the remarkable beauty of their coloring. their meals with regularity. The meat or clams

HOUSE-OWNERS MIXED.

FACETIOUS MAN SENT AN UNDER- PARK COMMISSIONER WOODRUFF'S ACTION NO MORE ASPHALT PAVEMENTS CAN LE CAUSES A LOT OF COMMENT ALONG

THE EASTERN PARKWAY. When the property for the Elastern Parkway was secured there were on the Highland Boulevard secion of it a number of one and two story frame houses. These were taken by commission, but have Recently Commissioner Woodguff has offered to sell they consider this a grievance, while the dealers in second-hand building material think his action an buildings at auction. As the city would have to pull them down if not disposed of in this way, Mr.

house to the department and does not want it at erry and does not wish to buy it, James McGuigan has paid \$75 for his house and \$25 for a one-story ave been compelled to tear them down, oney obtained for them has been so much I have been much pleased at the success test in clearing the obstructions on this the line of the extension of the parkway.

KNEIPP DEVOTEES WELCOME.

THEY CAN WALK WITH BARR FEET IN BROOK LYN PARKS ALL THEY CHOOSE.

J. E. Smith, secretary of the Park Depart porter whether any applications had been made for

Brooklyn," was the answer. "They would not have to get permission anyway, as we have no rules take off their shoes and stockings, why, let them

owing to the recent order permitting people to sleep in the parks. But even when the parks do not open until 7 o'clock in the morring, we would be willing to issue permits to individuals to take an early morning paddle in the grass.

"The Brooklyn parks are conducted on a more liberal scale than any others in the country, and have fewer regulations. Yet we do not find the privileges abused, and have scarcely any difficulty in keeping the parks in good order. Recently we opened the parks at night for sleeping on account of the hot weather, and, although thousands took advantage of the privilege extended, we have not had cause to regret our hospitality is a single instance."

PARTED BY CRUEL PARENTS.

BECAUSE HE COULD NOT SEE HIS SWEETHEART. JEANNOT PEARL SOUGHT DEATH

In the Fort Hamilton Police Court yesterday morn to commit suicide on Wednesday evening on the long

Astective was too quick for him, however, knocked the pistol out of the man's hand, and after a little difficulty took him to the Bath Beach police station. There he said that the reason he attempted suicide was that he had been in love for the last six as little diffusions and the reason he attempted suicide was that he had been in love for the last six months with Miss Edna Hamberger, of Brooklyn, and that her parents had forbidden her to speak to him, and had gone so far as to make her a prisoner in a room in their home. He said that she lived in the Eastern District, but would not give the street and number.

THE MASKED MAN GOT THE CREAM.

TELEPHONE GIRLS WERE DISAPPOINTED.

The girls in charge of the Flatbush Telephone Exchange have unfortunately been unable to order their favorite refreshment, ice-cream, over the wire, and as a consequence have sent a small boy out each evening to bring in their portion of frozen sweetness. On Wednesday night "Jimmie," the little sandy-haired messenger attached to the telegraph office across the street, was sent out to the nearest ice-cream saloon as usual. A few moments after, he received into the telephone exchange, his sandy locks in disorder and a frightened look on his face. The rirls all screamed when they saw the boy enter, for they felt that something terrible had happened. As they felt that something terrible had happened. As soon as the little felow could get his breath, he gasped: "Two been robbed. A big masked man jumped out from behind the telegraph pole, grabbed all the ice-cream and ran off with it. The police were called up, and a squad sent to the telephone office, but the perpetrator of the crime had escaped without leaving the slightest clew to his identity.

THE JUSTICE WAS NOT SYMPATHETIC.

Jeannot Pearl, of No. 121 West One-hundred-andfifth-st., New York, was arrested by Acting De tective Mulvey at Bath Beach on Wednesday night. The man entered a barber shop, put false whiskers on himself in front of the glass, and, going out, eptered Gottleib's furnishing store, in Twentyfifth-ave, where he bought a Fedora hat and a white tie, and after arraying himself in his new apparel walked out on a pler. Mulvey observed that he occasionally put his hand to his hip pocket and looked lorgingly at the water. Thinking that he man contemplated suicide he arrested him. the man contemplated states and the man contemplated was found in his pocket, and he confessed to the sergeant at the station-house that the parents of the girl whom he loved had locked her in a room and refused to let bim see her. He said he was weary of life, and yesterday morning Judes Rhodes said he was weary of such tales, and fined him \$10 or ten days

IMPROVEMENTS DELAYED.

PUT DOWN TILL THE MONEY

IS FORTHCOMING. IMPORTANT PIECES OF WORK HELD UP-SIXTY-EIGHT CONTRACTS OUTSTANDING-ASPHALT

INSTEAD OF BRICK-THE USE OF ASPHALT BLOCKS. The suspension of work on asphalt pavements owing to the financial condition of the city and the failure to sell the bonds recently offered means a serious delay in the improvement of Brooklyn Last year nine miles of asphalt were laid and until about a month ago it was confidently expected that the amount this year would exceed that of last year. Work has now been practically

permit the carrying out of some of the contracts already made. in the Department of City Works shows how large quantity of work has been planned for this year Parts of six streets were under contract and partly and Eighth aves.; Penn-st., between Bedford and Lee aves : First-st., between Sixth and Seventh aves.; First-st., between Eighth-ave, and Prospec Park West; Greene-ave., between Marcy and Throop aves., and Jefferson-ave., between Bedford

sumed this season. It is hoped, however, that suffi-

cient money will be forthcoming in the fall to

fled," eight pieces of work were included. They were: Hancock-st., between Reid and Ralph aves. Gates-ave., between Waverly-ave. and St. James list of "Bids Received, but Contracts Not Made."

Of the sixty eight contracts, thirty-three

at has also been planned for one block of d-ave., between Prospect Place and Park Sidney Place, between Livingston and State sts. is another minor improvement that cannot be pro-

ment in Gates-ave., between Clinton and Bedford completed by way of St. Mark's-ave. The smooth payement to be laid in the immediate neighborhood

chided in the "Bids Received," Made."

When a contract has been formally awarded work cannot be begun until the City Controller certifies that the money is on hand to pay for it. The money not being in the city treasury, most of the contracts already mentioned have not been duly certified, and in the cases of eight that have been it is impossible to proceed in the present financial contracts of the city.

ings initiated for the purpose of having an asphalt instead of vitrined brick pavement. This proposed improvement is now in what is called the "intention" stage in the Hoard of Aldermen, and there is no prospect of its being carried out before next year at the earliest.

Resolutions of intention to repave parts of streets to the number of not less than seventy have been passed the present year, but none of them will get beyond that stage for many months to come. One of these "intentions" relates to the paving of Livingston-st, between Hoerum Place and Nevins-st, with asphalt block, a material which has been little used in the city, but which is highly regarded by Engineer Nelson P. Lewis, of the Bureau of Repairs and improvements. In his report for last year Mr. Lewis said on this subject:

"I wish to suggest a trial of asphalt blocks, which I think will be found peculiarly well adapted to many of the railroad streets, where the vehicular traffic is not heavy enough to require the use of granite. The sample of this pavement labil in Court Square in 1836 is in excellent condition to-day, except where several openings have been made. The asphalt blocks were found unfit for use along the railway tracks, and granite blocks were substituted. While crushed limestone was used in making the blocks laid in Court Square, the manufacturers now use trap rock, and it is asserted that they will stand along the rails on any street having a moderate traffic, this statement being confirmed in results obtained in other cities."

Livingston-st, is largely used by the wagons of the big drygoods houses in Fulton-st, and is a street well adapted to afford a good test of asphalt blocks as a paving material. The only other places where such pavement has been proposed are Sidney Place, a quiet street with little traffic over It—a street in fact, that might almost be termed "no thoroughfare"—and Rutledge-st, between Wythe and Marcy aves, the latter being included among the numerous "intentionas" which the Board of Aldermen has seen fit

DEATH DISMISSED THE CASE.

Some time in June last John McLaughlin, of Grand-ave, and Dean-st., secured a warrant against s son John, of the same address, for vagrancy He told Justice Steers at that time that the had been in bad company, had contracted bad habits, and refused to work. He wanted the boy to reform a il live an upright life. As soon as the warrant was issued the son disappeared. Officer Gillen searched for him unavailingly day after day. Last week the youth returned. His father had been on a sick bed for several weeks, and the atbeen on a sick bed for several weeks, and the attending physician declared he could live but a few days. The dying man called for his son, told him what he had done, and said he could not die while a warrant was over his head. He asked John's forgiveness. Father and son were reconciled, and the son promised to reform and live an upright life. He said he would take his father's place in his mother's home. Officer Gillen was sent for, and the dying man told him he destred the complaint and warrant withdrawn. Before the officer could reach the court death visited the McLauzhin home, and yesterday morning Justice Steers indorsed on the papers: "Case dismissed; complainant dead."



"NO. FREDERICK, I CANNOT BE YOURS."
THEN, CAN I HAVE NO HOPE"
"NO. I AM A MEMBER OF THE WOMAN SUFFRAGE SOCIETY, AND CAN NEVER BE YOURS—BUT MIGHT BE MINE, IF YOU WISH:"—(Fliegende Blatter.

A BUNCH OF TROLLEY MISHAPS.

RECORD OF ACCIDENTS ON THE BROOKLYN LINES YESTERDAY.

The usual number of trolley accidents happened yesterday, several people being slightly injured, and two or three wagons damaged by the collisions. Car No. 800, of the Second-ave. line, ran into a cart at Forty-third-st, and Second-ave., driven by Lawrence Fitzpatrick. The driver was thrown to the street and received severe tusions of the knee and back. He was attended by Surgeon Gunther and removed to the Norwegian

Hospital.

Car No. 786, of the Nassau line, ran into a mineral water wagon at Eighth-ave, and Thirty-ninth-st., driven by John A. Jones, of No. 101 Nassau-st. Jones's shoulder was dislocated.

Car No. 176, of the Coney Island line, ran into a business wagon driven by James Feeney, of No. 199 Twenty-second-st., at New-Utrecht-ave. and The wagon was badly wrecked, but Feeney escaped unburt.

Beatrice O'Brien, a nurse, was thrown into the street at Seventh-ave, and Ninth-st, by the too sudden stoppage of a trolley-car on which she was riding. The child which she had in her arms, little Emma McDonneil, of No. 233 Front-st., was thrown from her arms and received severe contusions of the nose and chest, which were attended to by the ambulance surgeon. The nurse was bruised, but

the nose and chest, which were attended to by the ambulance surgeon. The nurse was bruised, but not seriously injured.

Another accident occurred on the Rogers-ave, line of the Nassau roud yesterday morning about 9 o'clork. Car No. 168, on its way to Manhattan Beach, crashed into the rear of a three-ton coalcart belonging to Richard B. Leach. The coalcart was fully loaded. The car was in charge of a new motorman, who wore badge No. 250, and who was being coached by one of the old motormen. There were about fifty passengers on the car when the smash came, and the ceal flew in all directions. Chief Clerk Howard, of the Grant Street Police Court, was struck on the nose by one of the flying pieces. He refused medical attendance. The coalcart was wrecked, and the fender of the trolley was badly twisted and bent.

WORK ON PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS.

THE MARBLE PILLARS TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 1.

It is asserted on good authority that the marble oillars which are being erected in Prospect Park Plaza will be completed in six weeks, or about Octo made provisions for the use of a certain kind of say that it is a difficult task to get such large blocks out, and have them free from imperfections. Then inother thing that has delayed the work is the law which requires all the stone to be cut in Brooklyn. At the quarry it could be done quickly by steam machinery. Here it is all done by hand.

The last stone, however, has been quarried, and from now on rapid progress will be made on the siliars. MacMonnies is making the bronze eagles which are to be placed on the top of the columns, and it is expected that they will be ready by October 1.

he bronze quadriga which is to surmount the amphal arch is also nearing completion under supervision of MacMonnles. The two shelters, at each side of the Plaza entrance to the Park, rapidly going up. The marble floors, the twelve nite pillars, and the marble copings are all in co. Now only the roof and bronze decorations rein to be finished. It is expected that all the za improvements will be completed before winter.

THE INVESTIGATION ENDED.

A REPORT ON THE CAISSON ACCIDENT SENT TO

The Board of Inquiry on the disaster to the calsson of the Navy Yard timber drydock has closed its investigation into the causes of the accident and forwarded the results of the inquiry to the Navy Department at Washington. The members made a personal examination of the calsson and of the unlucky torpedo-boat Ericsson before reaching any dect on. There appears to be considerable difference compinion between the figures of Assistant Constructor Hibbs and Civil Engineer Menocal as to the margin of safety on the caisson at

the calsson, to the dock and to the injured vessels. The calsson showed a damaged side, reaching board streak is considerably indented, but it can probably be straightened out without being removed. At least two of the frames were damaged and will have to be repaired and straightened, or possibly new ones put in for the greater part of their length. An entire new upper deck will have to be put in. The Board says the caisson and dock can be repaired for \$2.700.

Had the accident occurred three hours earlier

Cramps' yard.

Washington, Aug 20.—The proceedings and find-ings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-

dock case have been received at the Navy Department. The record is voluminous and is beviewed by Lieutenant Lockheimer, Acting Judge Advocate-General. When he finishes his examination of the evidence Assistant Secretary McAdoo will take the matter under consideration and Issue the necessary orders. It is semi-officially stated that the result will be trial by court-martial of Engineer Menocal as being responsible for the ac-cident.

AFTER A MYTHICAL FORTUNE.

TWO OF A FAMILY MAKING THE "GOOSE CHASE" LIVE IN BROOKLYN.

Mrs. Larson, wife of Peter Larson, of No. 277 First-st., has received a letter from Denmark, where she was born, stating that the efforts made y the members of her family to secure the money left her by an ancestor some 100 years ago are likely to be crowned with success. The property involved is said to be worth \$15,000,000, and the heirs

to it are few in number.

The story of how the fortune accrued is interesting. Johannes Witthe was born in Germany in 1722, and went to sea early in life. He became a shipmaster, and then engaged in the slave trade, and remained in it until he died, in 1799, in Amster-dam. Three years before he made a will devising all his property, estimated at 15,000,000 guilders, to the Government of Holland, in trust, to found a school for orphan children.

There was a stipulation in the will providing that at the expiration of 100 years the property should be equally divided among his descendants, should any then exist and be able to prove their kinship. He had only one son, John Henry Witthe, who became a serkeant in a Danish cavalry regiment. John Henry left three sons, John, Carl and Christopher, and one daughter, Bertha. All four married and left children. Bertha married Erasmus Sorenson Munk. Besides Mrs. Larson there are known to be in this country William Munk, No. 21 Nevins-st.; Mrs. Meta Jensen, of Philadelphia, and Christian Munk, who is in California, all of whom are cousins of Mrs. Larson. The Larson family is anxious to find the last-named heir.

To a Mrs. Hansen, of Copenhagen, is due the credit of recovering the property, if it is ever secured. In 1854 a law was passed in Holland barring all claims against the Government after a term of thirty years. It was declared in 1884 that it did so, not with standing the will. Nothing daunted Mrs. Another the claims of the heirs to the property, then increased to several times the original sum of 15,000.000 guilders. Recently she discovered the birth certificate of Captain Witthe's son John Henry, the Danish cavalryman.

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IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

SUIT AGAINST A DRUG FIRM.

William H. Blain, a New-York lawyer, has been engaged by Edwin E. Ensley, of No. 130 Clymer-st., to begin an action against Livingston & Underwood, druggists, at Taylor-st. and Bedford-ave., to recover \$59, which Mr. Ensley alleges has been in curred by him in doctors' fees and drugs during three weeks' illness from burns caused by a bottl of undiluted carbolic acid, sold him by one clerks employed by the firm. The papers in the suit, it is said, were drawn up yesterday. Mr. Enshe was taken with an itching sensation, and when he returned to his home he sent his brother-in-law. Frank Harte, to the drug store for something to relieve him. He was given a carbolic wash by one of the clerks, named Chapman, who said it was a good thing. After applying the wash he says he became unconscious and remarked in that state until the next morning. Dr. Essigs, of Bedford-ave. was called in and pronounced the case one of severe shock. When shown the bottle, he says the physician declared that the acid should have been diluted in two gallons of water before using. Mr. Ensley has a small pasteboard hox which is half filled with pieces of skin, which dropped from him after healing had set in. It is also claimed that Mrs. Ensley was prostrated and ill for three days with gastritis. In consequence of her husband's affliction. At the drug store the firm refused to discuss the suit. he was taken with an itching sensation, and

A DEMENTED WOMAN MISSING.

Mrs. Sarah Bolen, thirty-six years old, who lived Kent-ave, was reported missing to the police of the mented, and it is feared that she has committed suicide. The disappearance was reported by Po-

GIRL CHARGED WITH LARCENY

Hannah Reed, eighteen years old, was arraigned young woman is a tailoress, and a week ago applied to the tailor shops of John Hullien, at No. 168 Suydam-st., and William Hern, of No. 656 Flush-158 Suydam-st., and William Hern, of No. 556 Flushing-ave., for work. They gave her several pairs of trousers to finish, and instead of doing the work she pawned the garments. A warrant was then issued for her arrest and she was taken into custody Wednesday night. After her arrest she gave the police the pawntickets, and said that the garments had been pawned by another woman. She was held for trial.

GEORGE MEEHAN AGAIN IN TROUBLE. George Mechan, twenty-two years old, living at the Lee Avenue Police Court and turned over to by R. D. Powell with offering for sale the subscrip tion list of a New-York paper to J. G. Cook, whe is attached to a rival newspaper. Mechan denice the charge. A short time ago he was arrested of complaint of Annie Weber, of No. 522 Wythe-ave, and the couple were married in court. Two weeks later Mechan deserted her.

AFTER THE PUSHCART VENDERS.

Police Captain Lees, who a week ago took com and of the Stagg-st. police station, yesterday ordered his men to make a raid on the pushcart men ment districts in the precinct. The streets are

HURT BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON Michael Cunningham, thirty-seven years old, of

No. 138 North Tenth-st., while at work yesterday in st., was struck on the head with a piece of timber thrown by some unknown person, and painfully injured. An ambulance surgeon from the Eastern District Hospital dressed the wound, after which Cunningham was taken home.

John Henry, five years old, while playing in front cooperage, in Classon-ave., and received fractures of the right thigh and both arms. The little fellow was carried to his home, where Dr. Webber, of North Sixth-st., set the broken limbs. No arrest was made.

THEY HAD A NOISY MEETING.

MARINE AND FIELD CLUB MEMBERS DIVIDED OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF CLUB AFFAIRS.

Field Club of Bath Beach, and if the majority of the members have their way the smaller element there would have been terrible loss of life, as there were twelve or fifteen men at work in the calsson, and they would have been drowned before assistance could reach them.

The damage to the commandant's barge is set down at \$1,000.

The inlucky Eriesson escaped rather well, as nothing saved her from sinking but her wateright compartments. About ten feet of her bow is crushed in, just as a boy crushes in a blown-up paper bag, and the forward torpedo-tube points toward the bottom of the dack. The stern is also damaged and the propeller blades are badly twisted; her damages are set down at \$1,000, making eleaned, or there might have been a loss of scores, if not hundreds, of lives. It is safe to say that when the ballast has to be shifted in a caisson again, little will be left to theoretical friction pressures in determining the markin of safety.

Until the return of the fleet from sea there will be a rush, as many of the vessels need repairs.

The tug Nina, in charge of Lleutenant Usher, left the Navy Yard last night to a strend of the curier to from yard.

Washington, Aug 20.—The proceedings and findlings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inquiry in the Brooklyn dry-lings of the Court of Inqu will be turned out of office without any ceremony

rough pushing and jostling, and several of the other members were thrown to the ground and barely escaped being trampiled upon.

A number of newspaper teporters were attracted to the scene by the disturbance created, but upon their entrance to the club grounds they were net by a New-York member, who said that he was on the Entertainment Committee, and ordered the men from the grounds. When they hesitated for a moment and demanded to know if he spoke for the club, an argument followed, but the reporters finally left the grounds, while the racket continued far into the night.

CONEY ISLAND EXCISE CASES. Among the excise cases which were heard in the

Coney Island Police Court yesterday was that of Samuel Collins, who is accused of seiling in a second building with one certificate. When decision was reserved to August 27, John U. Shorter put in a plea for a jury trial, claiming the case could be tried at Special Sessions. Justice Nostrand decided against him. Decision was also reserved in the case of F. F. Moritz on a similar charge, and in the case of Edward Stow, accused of selling liquor during the prohibited hours.

A RECEIVER ASKED FOR.

Asa W. Parker yesterday moved before Justice Goodrich for the appointment of a receiver of the rents and profits of Daniel Doody's lumber yard at Gowanus Canal. Parker has a fourth mortgage which he is seeking to foreclose. He says the property is worth only \$40,000, which is insufficient to secure his mortgage. Paul E. De Fere, Doody's lawyer, said the property was worth from \$120,000 to \$135,000, and that Parker himself had appraised it at \$100,000. The property is now in the name of Daniel P. Doody. The matter is not yet decided.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT TO THE TIMMONS.